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Dear Congresswoman Woolsey:

Thank you for your past support for Highway 101 and your efforts to secure funding during the TEA-21 reauthorization process. Your support of transportation improvements in Marin and Sonoma County, and Highway 101 in particular, is

greatly appreciated.

As the transportation bill moves into conference committee, we urge you to include Highway 101 in Marin and Sonoma County in a new program created in TEA-LU called "Projects of National and Regional Significance." In TEA-LU, the program identifies the need to fund "infrastructure facilities that address critical national economic and transportation needs" that "are not easily addressed or funded within the existing surface transportation program categories." As you are well aware, the Highway 101 Corridor fits this description and such federal funds would be put

directly into the capital phase of improvements in the corridor.

In short, the Highway 101 Corridor improvements planned by Marin and Sonoma counties will relieve congestion, improve safety, facilitate the movement of goods between the Bay Area and the Pacific Northwest, improve the economic condition of the North Bay and beyond by creating jobs and attracting new business, improve air quality by promoting transit usage and carpooling, and employ improved technologies such as ramp metering and changeable message signs. The project accomplishes this primarily through the use of state transportation funds but needs federal funding to be completed.

We strongly support the Transportation Authority of Marin (formerly Marin Congestion Management Agency) and the Sonoma County Transportation Authority's request for \$100 million for the Highway 101 Corridor through the Projects of National and Regional Significance program and urge you to pursue these funds.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Steve Kinsey Chairman

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